

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of May 9, 2002

Present: Jeff Stewart, member
Gary Hauff, member
John Goetz, member
Doug Bordas, member
Stu Alderman, staff
Carol Anderson, staff

Larry Jose, member
Kathleen Fejes, member
Orestes Kaltsounis, member
Tom Krent, member
Jeff Biegler, staff

Absent: Robert O'Brien, Lucy Lu

Visitors: Dale Zygnowicz

The meeting was called to order by chairman Jeff Stewart at 7:30 pm.

A motion by Kathleen Fejes, supported by Gary Hauff, that the minutes from April 11, 2002 be approved as submitted.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

A motion by John Goetz, supported by Tom Krent, that absent members be excused.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Teen Committee – Tabled until June meeting. Board members are welcome to attend the next teen meeting on May 16. City Council has appointed a teen committee for issues regarding the whole city. They are not the same members that are involved with the Parks and Recreation Teen Committee.
- B. Aquatic Center Operation – City Council has approved a more liberal admission policy in an effort to decrease the deficit at the Aquatic Center. Non-residents can now use the Aquatic Center and residents no longer need to purchase an ID card, they will only need to show their drivers license.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Park Name submission – Two additional names for parks were received for consideration, Brace and Gerstenecker.
- B. Special Use Policy – City Council approved the Special Use Policy for reservation of a park for a special event. The policy is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Member Comments

Tom Krent was asked by Jo Rhoads of the Senior Advisory Board if a hand rail could be put on the hallway wall from the senior lunchroom to the banquet area when phase II is completed. Ms. Anderson said this was something that was planned.

Larry Jose has heard complaints about the number of handicap parking spots and the distance from the door. Mr. Alderman explained that there are more handicap parking spots and they are closer to the building now. More will also be added when phase II of the building is finished.

Staff Reports

Directors Report – Changes to the Tree Ordinance has been tabled until the June meeting.

The section 1 golf course project is scheduled to begin in mid May. A fence will be put up and topsoil will be brought in. The projected play date is June 2004. The driving range is expected to open one year from now.

Recreation Report – Phase II demolition of the old building is done and clearing of the site will soon be finished. Foundations for the new building will be done in 2 – 3 weeks and the structural steel will be up by mid-June.

A new Community Center brochure is being designed by the Community Affairs department and will be inserted with the water bills

There will be an open house at the Aquatic Center on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 26. All are welcome to come see this park and all it has to offer.

Parks Report – We had a successful Arbor Day celebration at Firefighters Park. We gave away kites to the first 50 participants and planted some trees.

River Day will be celebrated on June 1st at Firefighters Park. The undergrowth and vegetation will be removed, the streambanks will be tapered and native plants will be planted to restore the area to a more natural appearance.

Annuals will be planted on the medians throughout the city. Approximately 1200 flats of flowers will be planted by our staff and an additional 2000 will be planted along Big Beaver and at City Hall by contractors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Peltier